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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend this application as follows:

## In the claims:

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. (Amended) An agent for preventing and curing arteriosclerosis according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein said arter osclerosis is atheroselerosis.

4. (Amended) An agent for preventing and curing arteriosclerosis according to claim [any of claims] 1 [-3], which is an aqueous preparation.

Please add claims 5-10 as follows:

(New) A method for preventing and curing arterosclerosis, the method omprising administering to a subject an agent having as an active component thereof a chromanol glucoside represented by the following general formula (1)

$$R^{5}O$$

$$\stackrel{R^{1}}{\underset{R^{3}}{}}O$$

$$R^{4}$$

$$(1)$$

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